FISCAL NOTE

HB 586 - SB 712

February 10, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides an exemption from civil liability to any licensed or board certified health care provider who volunteers services without compensation in a medical clinic offering patients free care except for damages as a result of gross negligence of the health care provider. Extends the exemption to commissioned or contract medical officers and dentists serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Minimal

Assumptions:

- State employees volunteer in free clinics, but not in their capacity as a state employee.
- The Department of Health has liability coverage through the State under the Governor's State of Emergency Declaration in setting up volunteer clinics as part of a disaster response.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director